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**MSS 10      CLAGETT, John Henry, b. 1916**

½ box. 3 folders. 10 items. Originals and photocopies.

Gift of John H. Clagett, July 1954

**BIOGRAPHY**

John Henry Clagett was born 7 April 1916 in Bowling Green, Kentucky, the son of William Argo and Sena (Ballard) Clagett. He graduated from College High on the campus of Western Kentucky State College then attended Western Kentucky State College for three years before entering the United States Naval Academy in 1936. He graduated from the Academy in 1940 and went immediately into active duty. In 1943 he was badly burned when the PT boat he was commanding was sunk by a Japanese ship off Guadalcanal. He retired from the Navy in 1946.

He served several years with the U.S. embassy in Oslo, Norway, before returning to the United States to pursue graduate studies at Yale University. He received his PhD in 1954 and taught creative writing at Middlebury College in Vermont. He married Marjorie R. Douglas and had two daughters, Marjorie and Randi Ann.

In addition to his first novel, *Cradle of the Sun*, he authored numerous other novels including *Papa Tango*, *Captain Whitecap*, *The Slot*, and *Buckskin Cavalier*. His short stories appeared in magazines such as *Saturday Evening Post*, *Colliers*, and *Blue Book*. Clagett's naval background and experiences are evident in many of his writings.

**COLLECTION**

This collection consists of a typed manuscript of Clagett's first novel, *Cradle of the Sun*, a photo of Clagett and his fiancé, Marjorie Douglas, two short stories by Clagett and newspaper clippings about Clagett.

**SHELF LIST**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>CLAGETT, John Henry, b. 1916</b>	<b>1942-1952</b>	<b>10 items</b>
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Folder 1a	Inventory		
Folder 1	"Cradle of the Sun" manuscript	1952	1 item
Folder 2	"Cradle of the Sun" manuscript	1952	1 item
Folder 3	Miscellaneous material by or about Clagett	1942-1952	8 items

### **CATALOG CARD**

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Typed manuscript copy of his novel, *Cradle of the Sun*, published in 1952 by Crown Publishers, New York. Also includes clippings about Clagett and two short stories by him.

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### **SUBJECT ANALYTICS**

Authors – Kentucky

Clagett, John Henry, b. 1916 – Photo

*Cradle of the Sun* – Relating to F1&2

Douglas, Marjorie R. – Photo

World War II, 1939-1945 – Naval operations F3

World War II, 1939-1945 – Soldiers from – Warren County F3

### **CHRONOLOGICAL CARDS**

1942-1945

1950-1952

sl – 1; me – 1; sa – 6; chrono – 2; photo – 2

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